

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for controlling an editing image display comprising:

a determining device for determining whether or not material data is combined with frame rate information as associated information; and

a controller for controlling the editing image display to display items of said determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information with said items of the determined material data being distinguished from each other.

2. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller controls the editing image display to display said items of determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information with said items of the determined material data being distinguished from each other, in a material administration display representing a list of said material data.

3. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller arranges said items of the material data in a reproduction order to produce a content, and said controller

controls the editing image display to display said items of the determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information with said items of the determined material data being distinguished from each other, in a reproduction order representation.

4. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller allocates said items of the material data along a time axis to produce a content, and said controller controls the editing image display to display said items of the determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information with said items of the determined material data being distinguished from each other, in a reproduction time order representation.

5. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller sets a speed range available for reproduction on said material data based on said associated information, and said controller controls the editing image display to display said set speed range.

6. The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said controller controls the editing image display to display said set

speed range in a material administration display representing a list of said material data.

7. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said controller arranges said items of the material data in a reproduced order to produce a content, and said controller controls the editing image display to display said set speed range in a reproduced order representation.

8. The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said controller controls the editing image display to display said set speed range in a reproduced image representation of said material data.

9. The apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said reproduced image representation of said material data includes an indication for indicating the reproduction speed.

10. The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said controller allocates said items of the material data along a time axis to produce a content, and said controller controls the editing image display to display said determined material data in the reproduction time order representation with a representation width of said material data being altered according to reproduction time calculated on the basis of the reproduced speed.

11. The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said controller controls the editing image display to display said set speed range in said reproduced image representation of said material data in which an indication for indicating the reproduction speed is provided;

wherein when said material data is allocated along a time axis in order to produce a content, a representation width of said material data in said reproduced time order representation is altered in the reproduction time order representation according to reproduction time calculated on the basis of the reproduction speed;

wherein said indication varies according to an operation for altering representation width of said material data in said reproduction time order representation in synchronization with alteration; and

wherein said representation width of said material data in said reproduction time order representation varies according to an operation for altering indication in synchronization with alteration.

12. The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein, when said material data is set to be reproduced at a reproduction speed within said speed range available for reproduction, said controller controls the editing image display to display the

material data reproduced at said set reproduction speed.

13. A method for controlling an editing image display comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not material data is combined with frame rate information as associated information; and

controlling the editing image display to display items of said determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information so that said items of the determined material data are distinguished from each other.

14. The method according to Claim 13, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, the editing image display is controlled to display said items of the determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information so that said items of the determined material data are distinguished from each other, in a material administration display representing a list of said material data.

15. The method according to Claim 13, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, said items of the material data

are arranged in a reproduction order to produce a content, and the editing image display is controlled to display said items of the determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information so that said items of the determined material data are distinguished from each other, in a reproduction order representation.

16. The method according to Claim 13, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, said items of the material data are allocated along a time axis to produce a content, and the editing image display is controlled to display said items of the determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information so that said items of the determined material data are distinguished from each other, in a reproduction time order representation.

17. The method according to Claim 13, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, a speed range available for reproduction of said material data is set based on said associated information, and the editing image display is controlled to display said set speed range.

18. The method according to Claim 17, wherein, in said step

of controlling and displaying, the editing image display is controlled to display said set speed range in a material administration display representing a list of said material data.

19. The method according to Claim 17, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, said items of the material data are arranged in a reproduction order to produce a content, and the editing image display is controlled to display said set speed range in a reproduction order representation.

20. The method according to Claim 17, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, the editing image display is controlled to display said set speed range in a reproduction image representation of said material data.

21. The method according to Claim 20, wherein the display of said speed range available for reproduction includes an indication for indicating the reproduction speed.

22. The method according to Claim 17, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, said items of the material data are arranged in a reproduction order to produce a content, and the editing image display is controlled to display said items of the determined material data in the reproduction time order representation with a representation width of said material data

being altered according to reproduction time calculated on the basis of the reproduced speed.

23. The method according to Claim 17, wherein in said step of controlling and displaying, said set speed range is displayed in said reproduced image representation of said material data in which an indication for indicating the reproduction speed is provided;

wherein the editing image display is controlled to display a representation width of said material data in said step of controlling and displaying, when said items of the material data are allocated along a time axis in order to produce a content, according to the reproduction time order representation with said representation width of said material data being altered according to reproduction time calculated on the basis of the reproduced speed;

wherein said indication varies according to an operation for altering the representation width of said material data in said reproduction time order representation in synchronization with alteration; and

wherein said representation width of said material data in said reproduction time order representation varies according to an operation for altering indication in synchronization with alteration.

24. The method according to Claim 17, wherein, in said step of controlling and displaying, when a reproduction operation is set to reproduce said material data at a reproduction speed within said speed range available for reproduction of said material data, the editing image display is controlled to display the material data reproduced at said set reproduction speed.

25. A program for allowing a computer to carry out a method for controlling an editing image display, said method comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not material data is combined with frame rate information as associated information; and

controlling the editing image display to display items of said determined material data that is combined with the frame rate information as the associated information and not combined with the frame rate information as the associated information so that said items of the determined material data are distinguished from each other.